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COMICS

DARKNESS

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ADVERSITIES ARE THE OBSTACLES
ON THE GREAT PATH OF LIFE

THEY PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR GROWTH, FOR CHANGE

BUT TO FACE SUCH OBSTACLES
BY UPHOLDING YOUR OLD WAYS

IS THAT A
SHOW OF CONVICTION?
OR A DEMONSTRATION OF
WEAKNESS?

THINK NOW OF THE
PRIESTESS AND THE WITCH
AND HOW THEIR
CONFLICT CHANGED
THEIR HEARTS

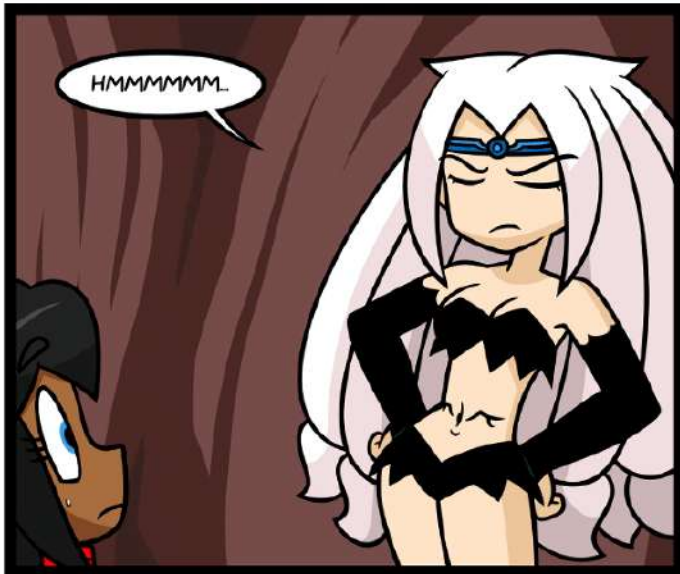
HUH...

THAT IS
A LOT OF
DRAGONS...

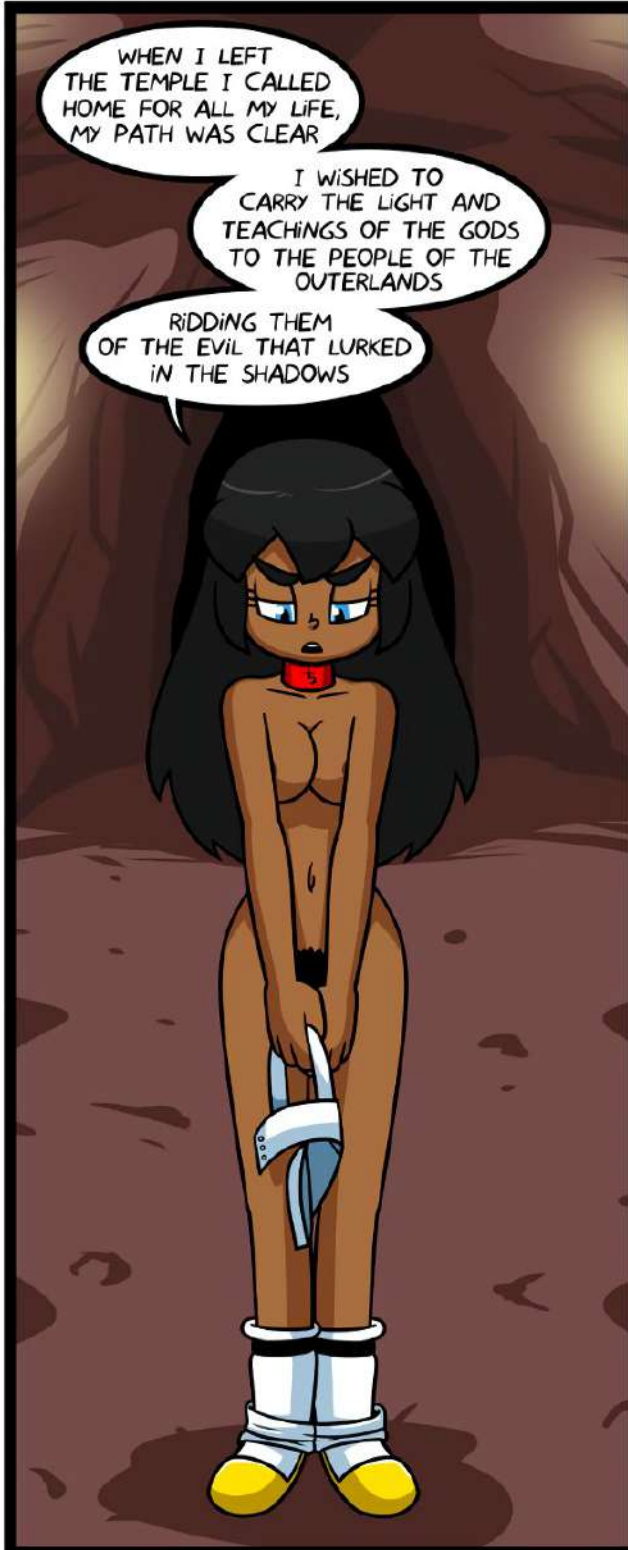
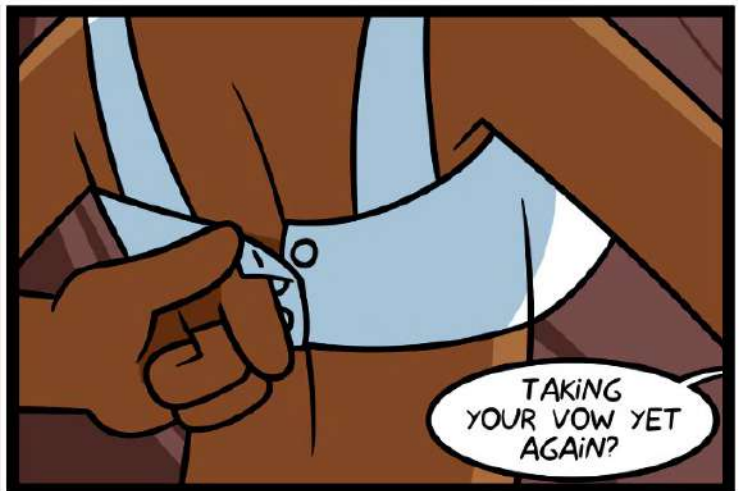




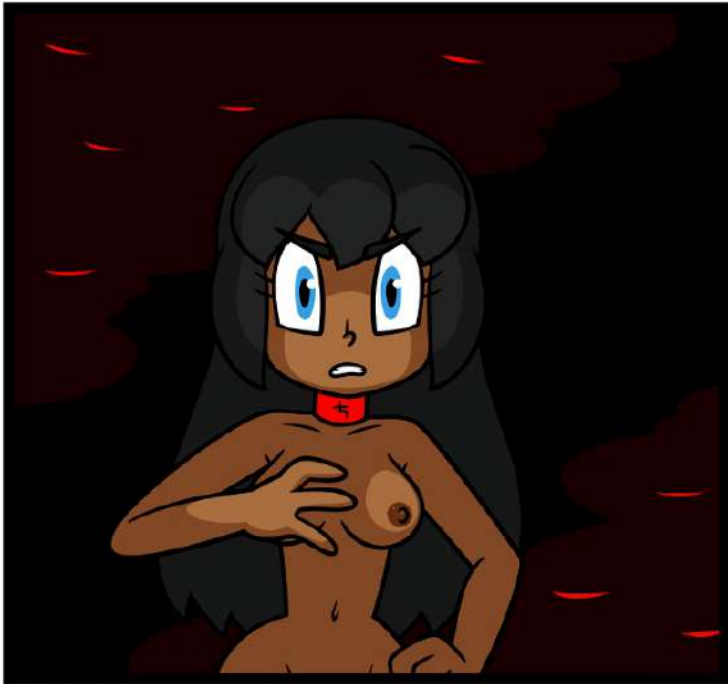








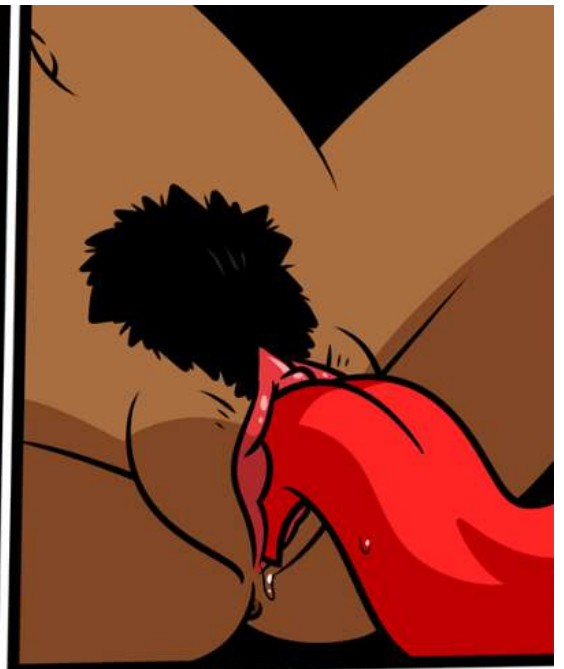


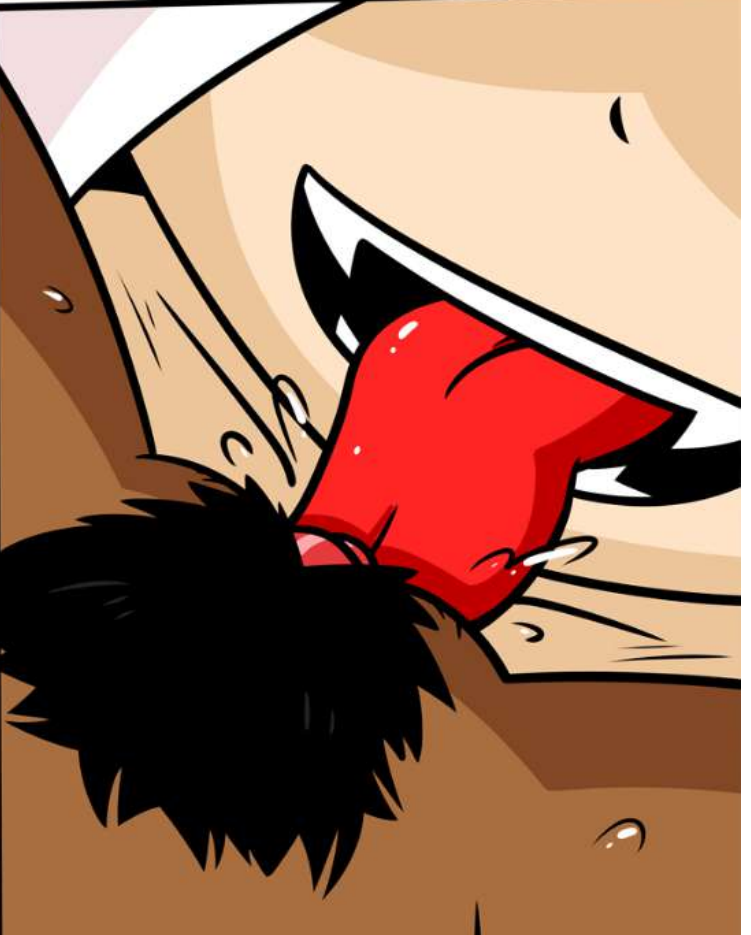
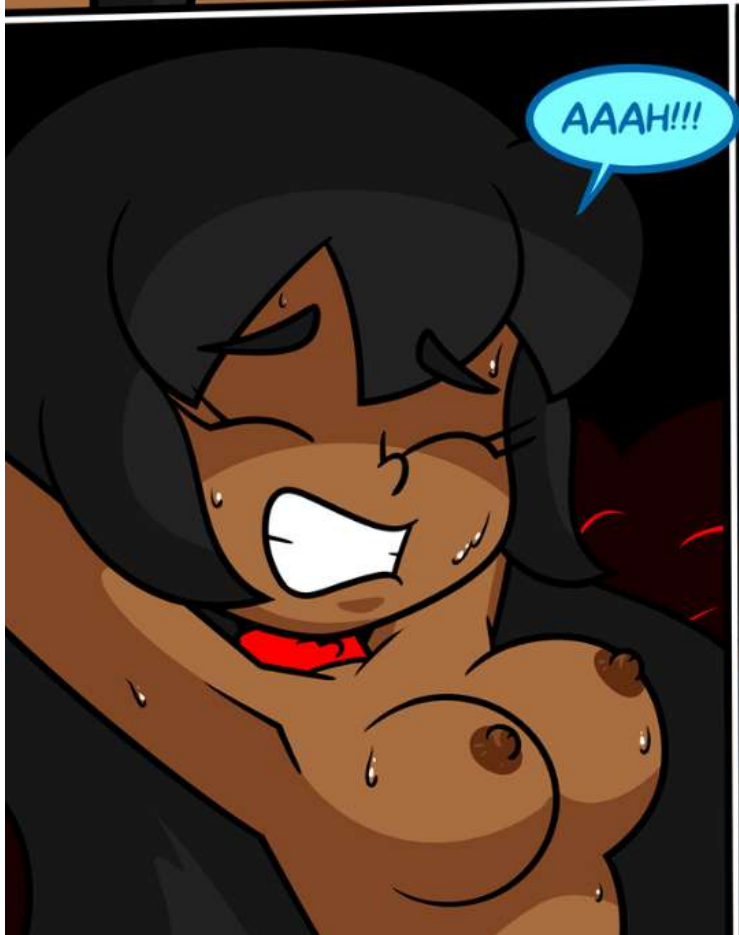


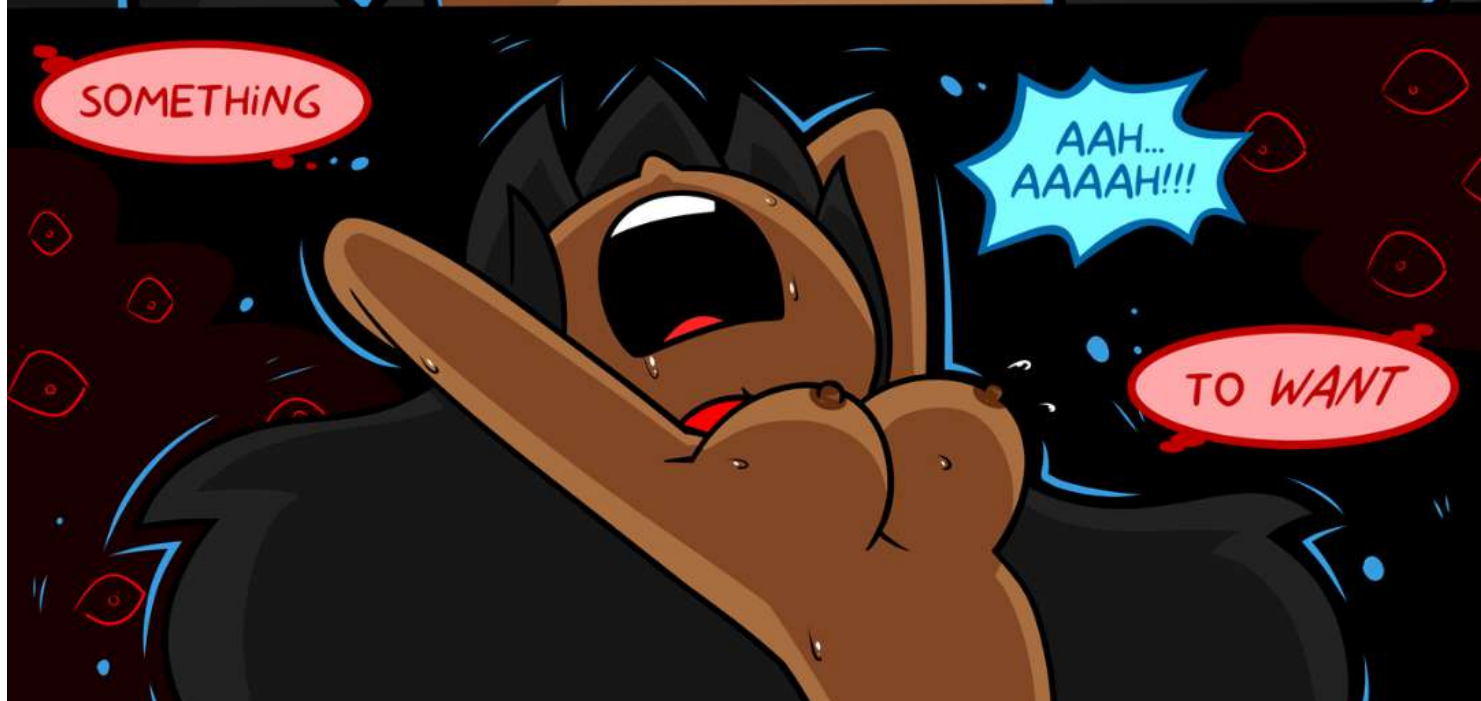
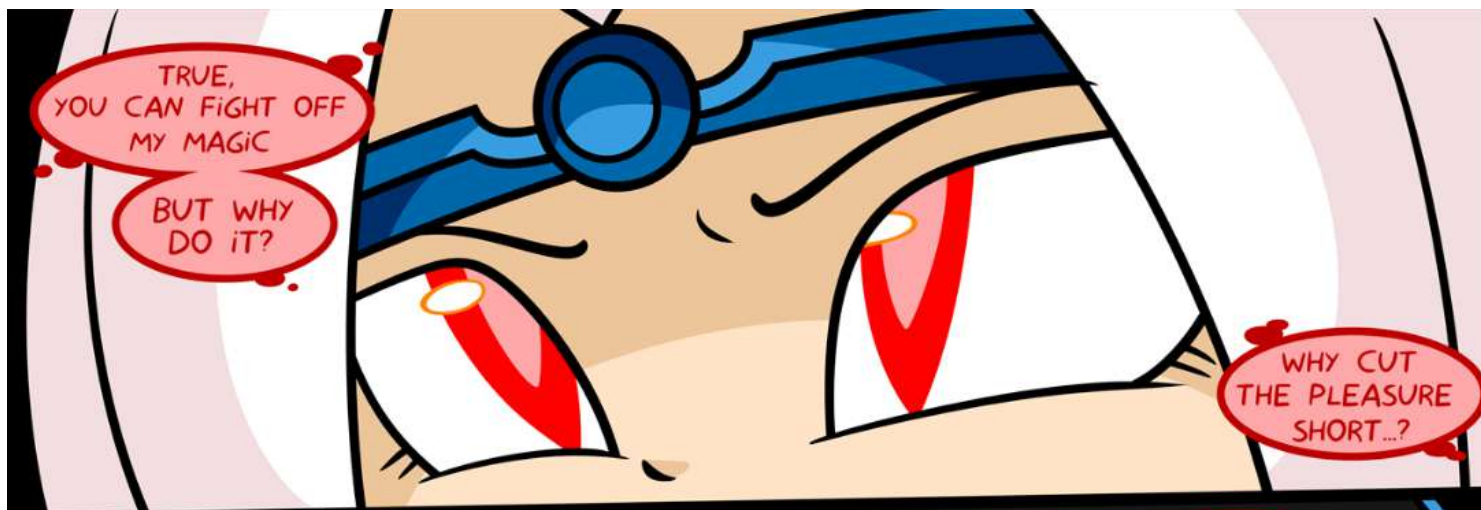


I'LL
GIVE YOU...

SOMETHING
TO WANT!









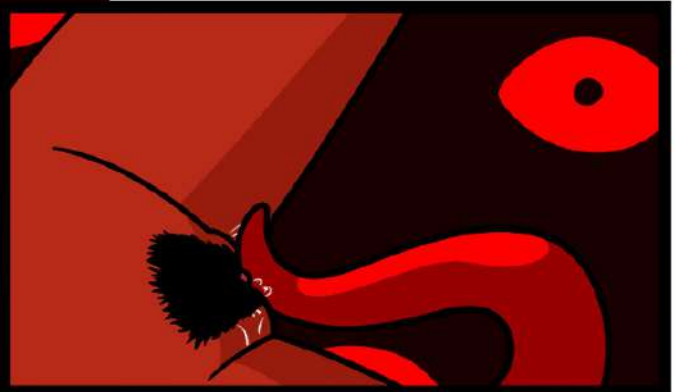
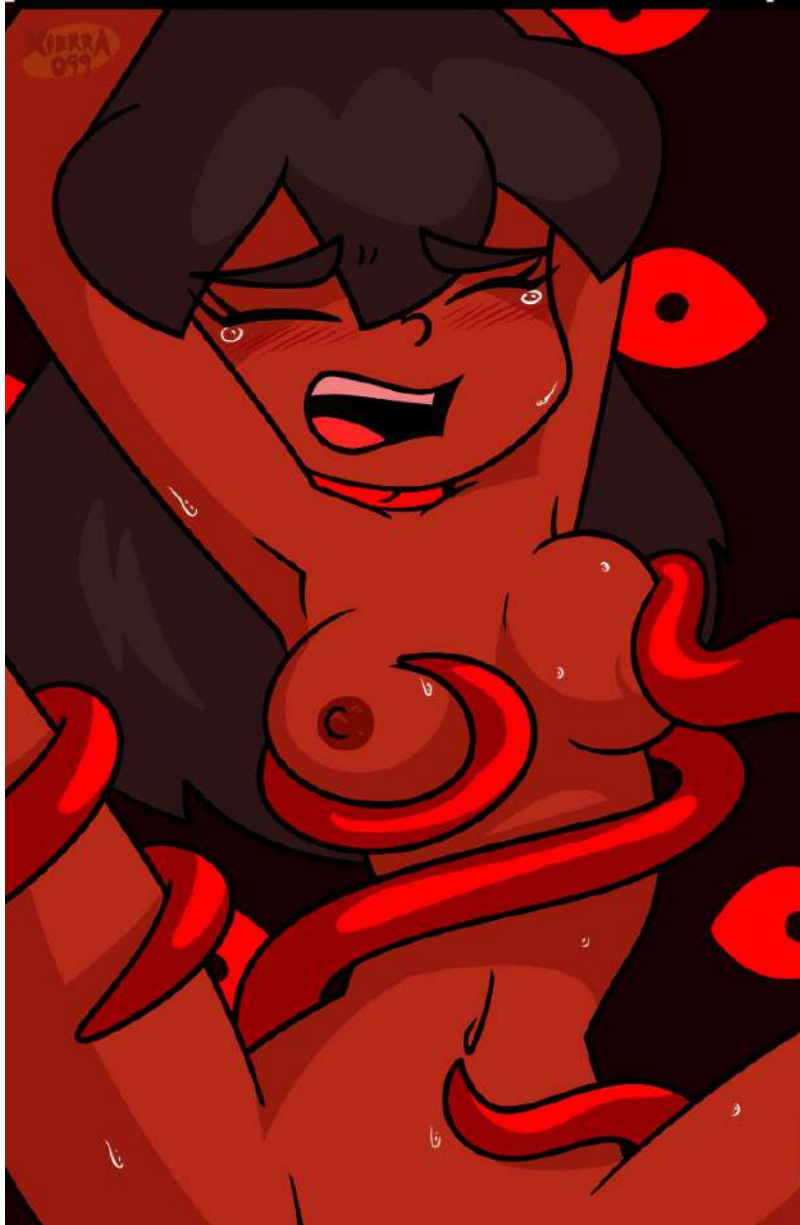
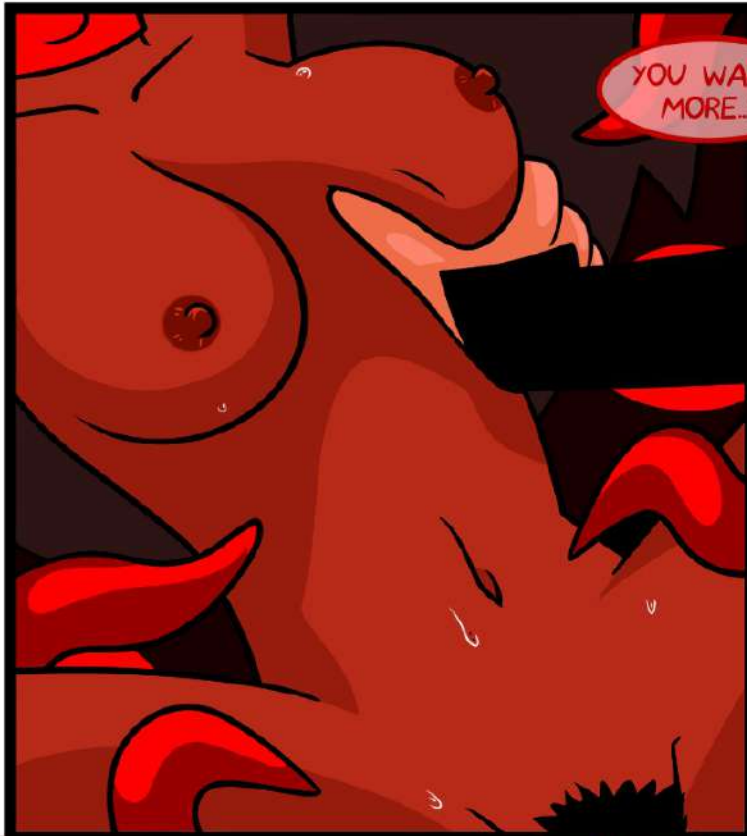










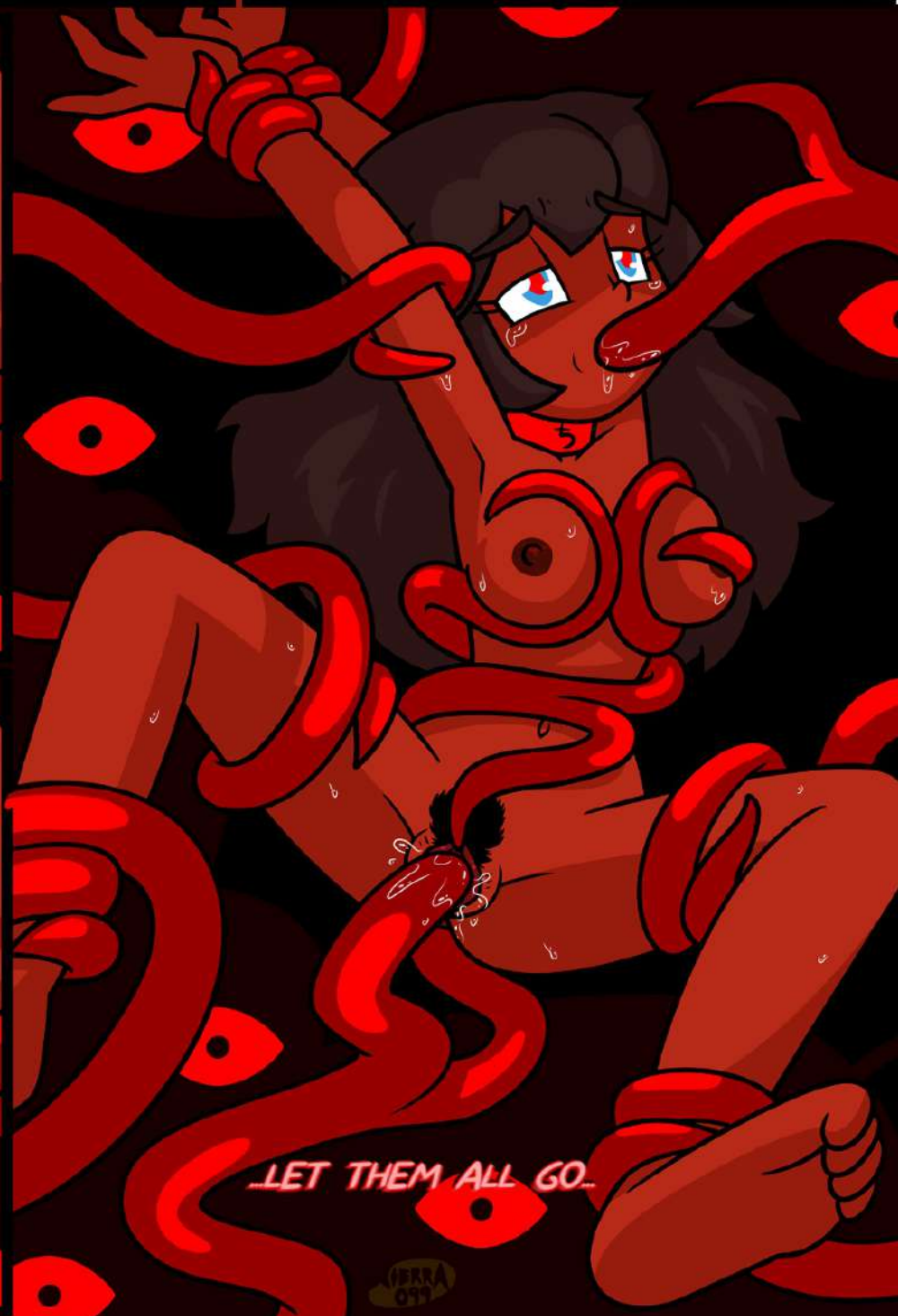
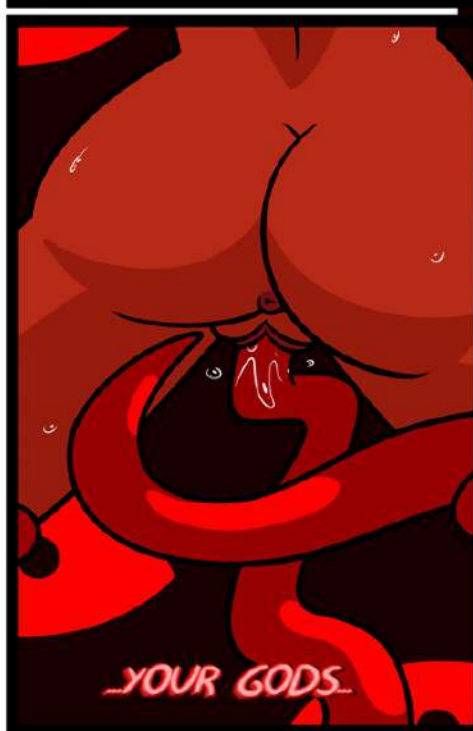


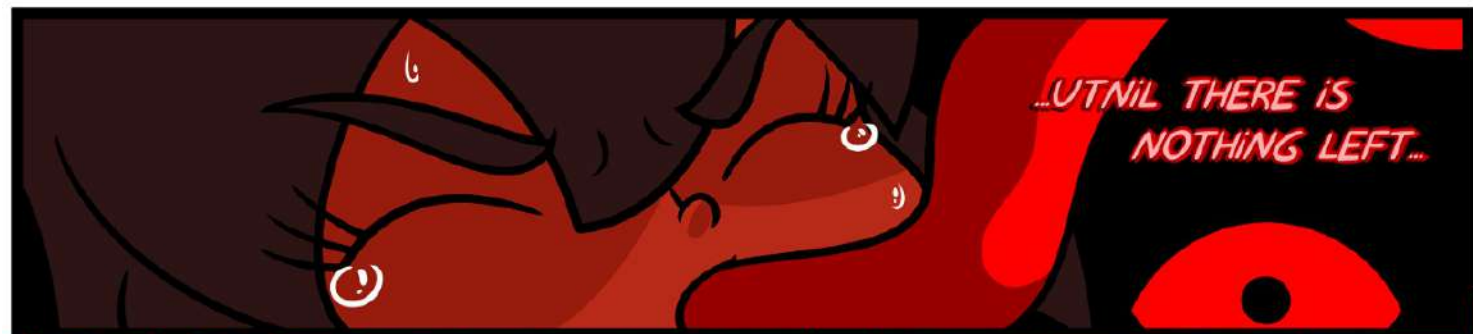


TO FOLLOW
THE DEMON
LORDS



IS TO FOLLOW
YOUR HEART'S
DESIRE



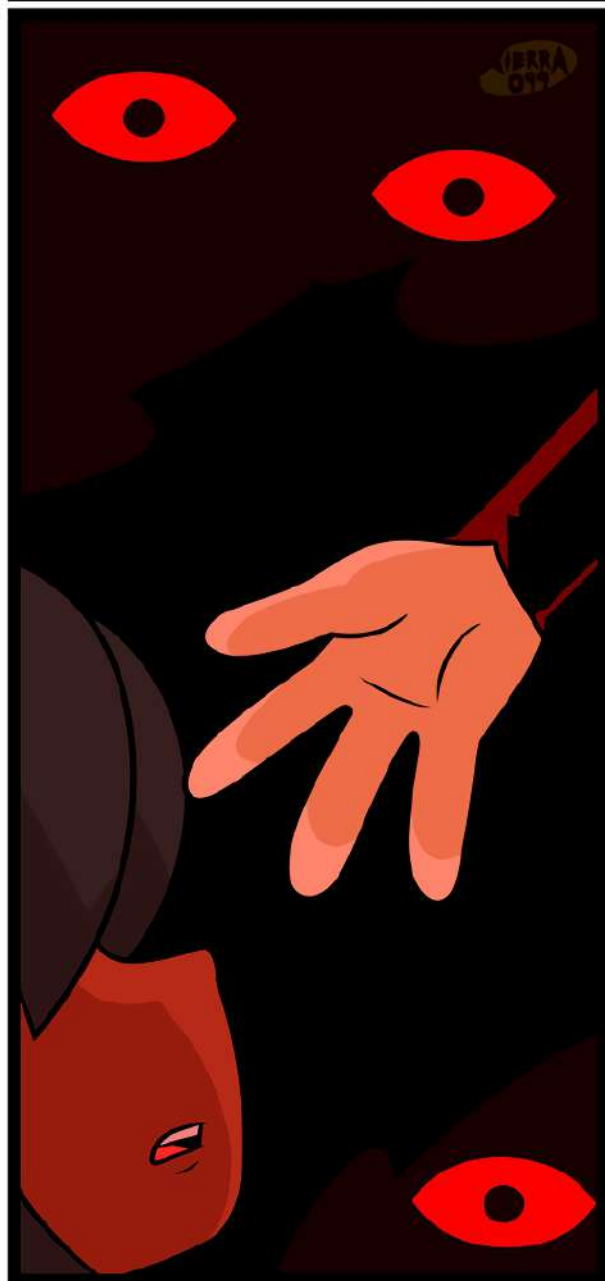


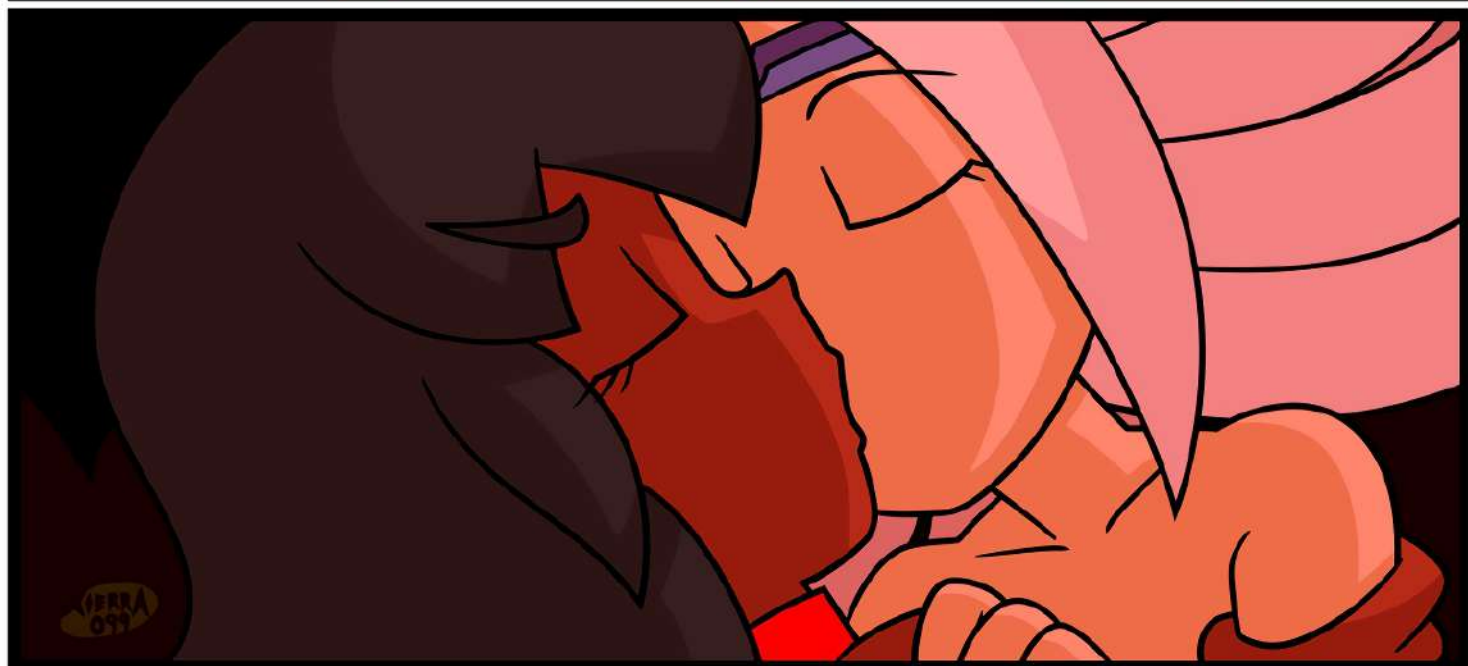
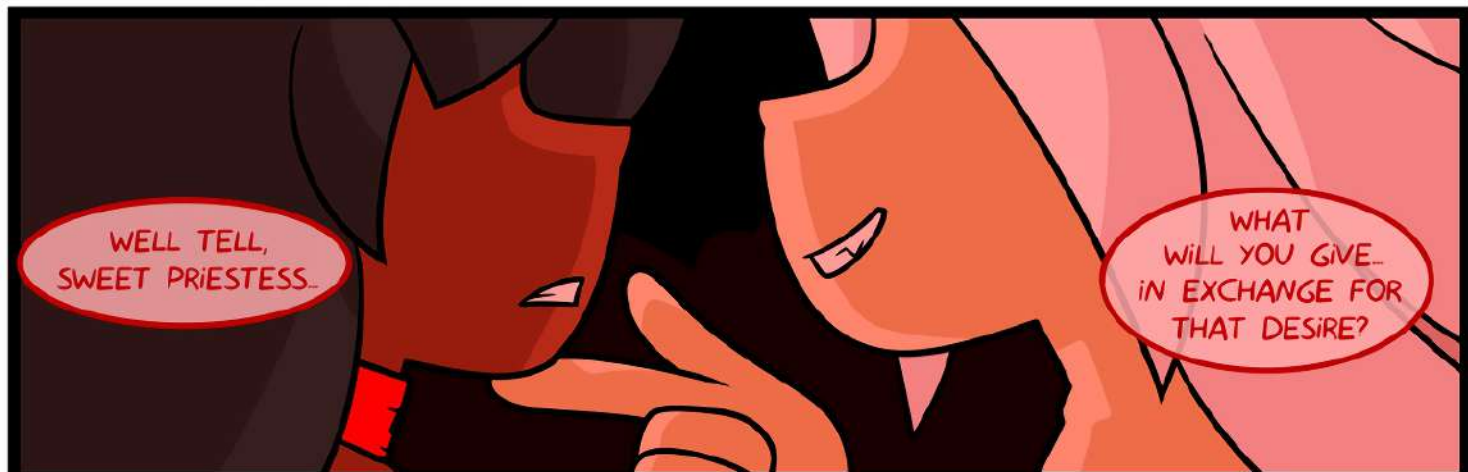
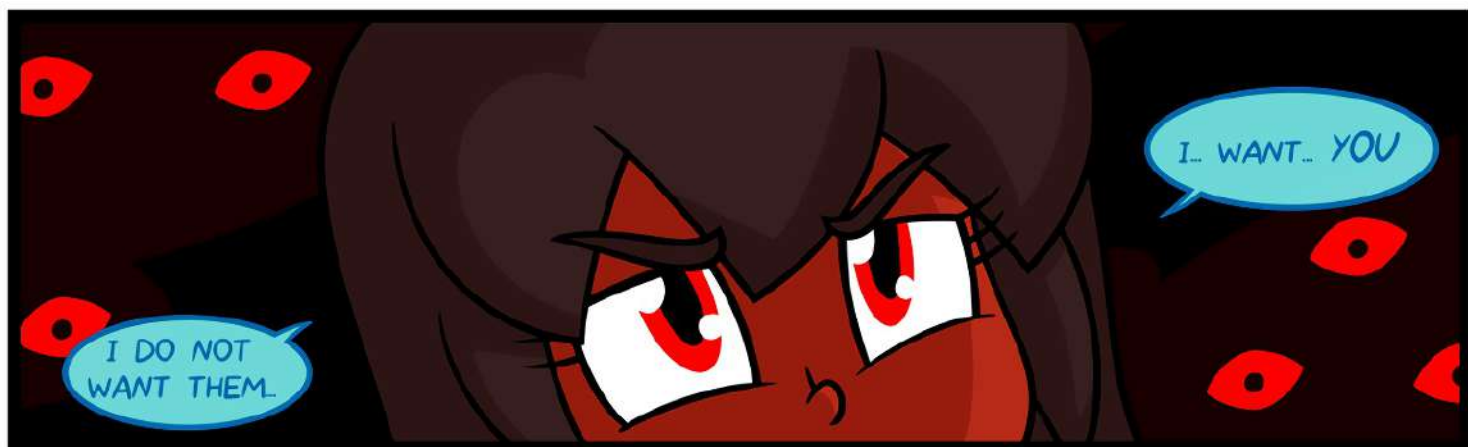
...BUT THERE IS
NOTHING LEFT...

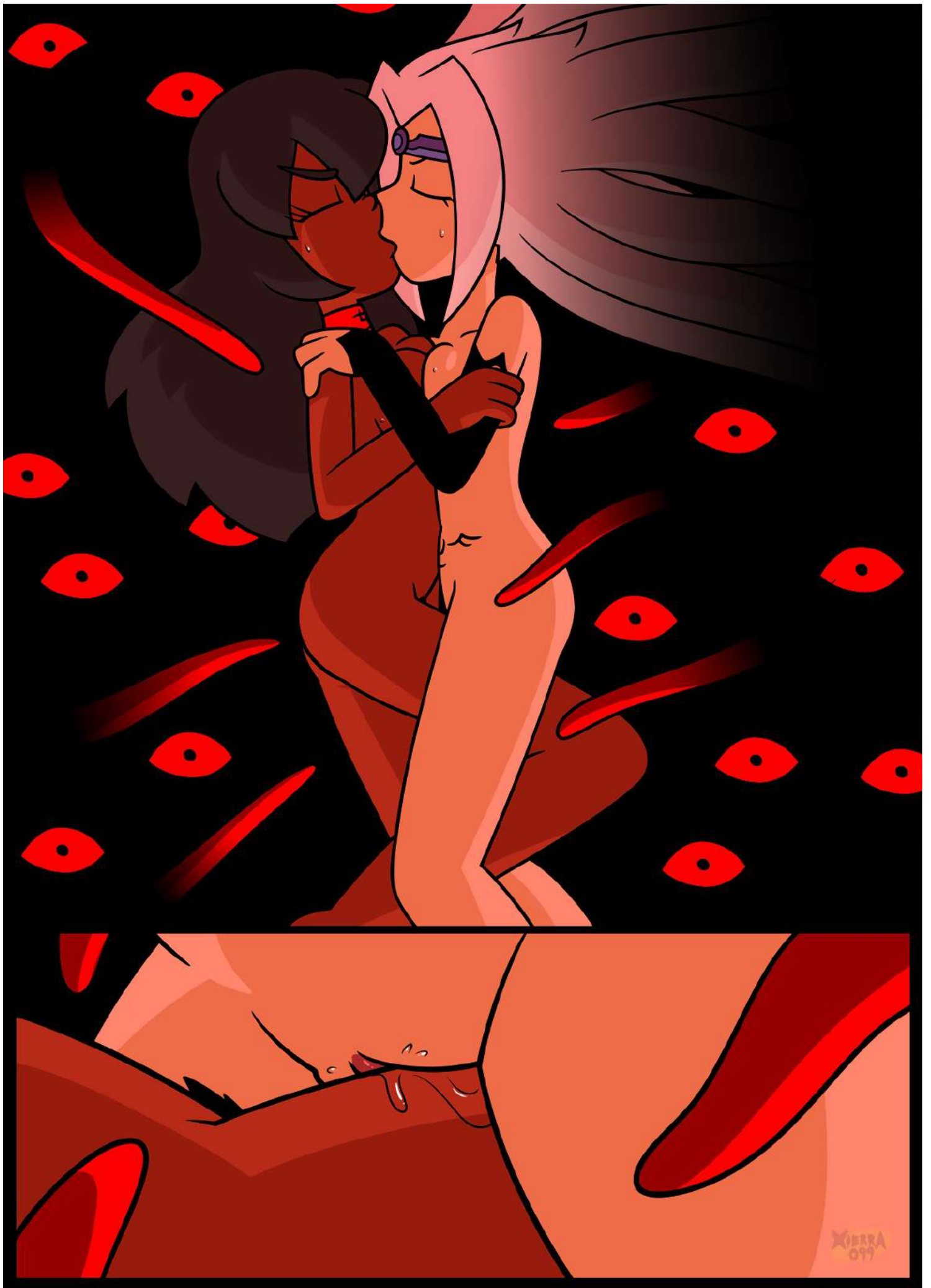


...BUT YOUR OWN
HEART'S DESIRE













WHILE YOU WERE
KNEELING BEFORE THE ALTAR
OF YOUR PRECIOUS GODS...



I WAS
KNEELING ON THE COLD,
DIRTY STREETS, BEFORE
THE LUSTFUL





YOU WERE AT
A LOSS WITHOUT YOUR
PRECIOUS GIFTS



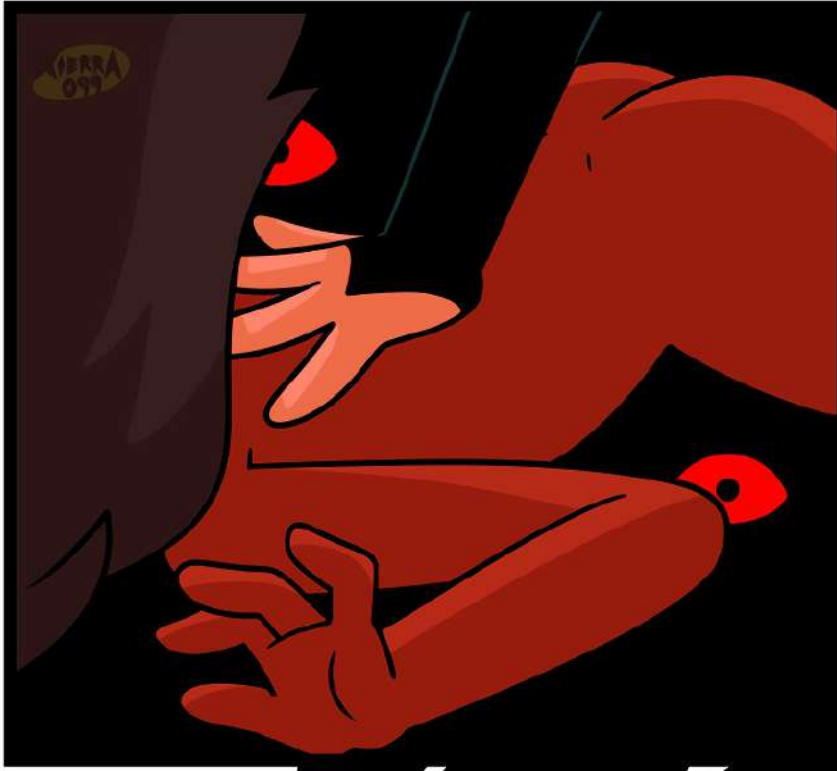
YOUR ROBE,
TRIMMED WITH FINE
GOLD THREADS...

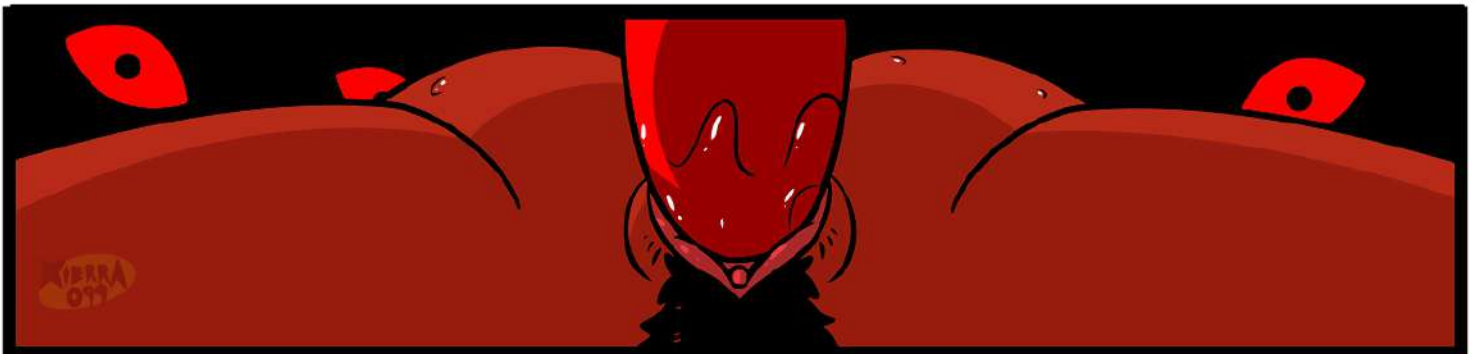
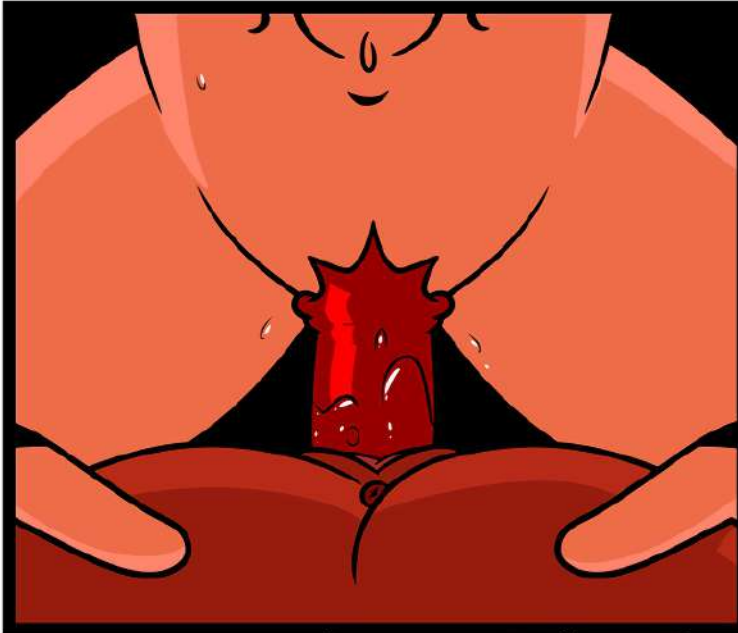
AND A RELIC,
OLD AS ANCIENT
KINGDOMS

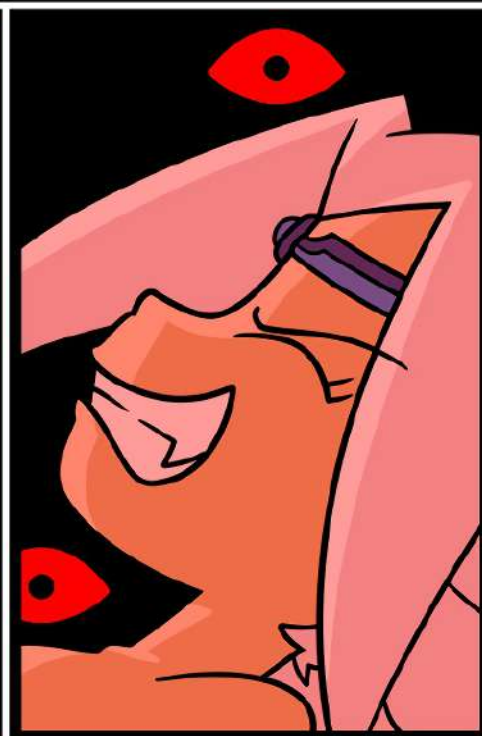
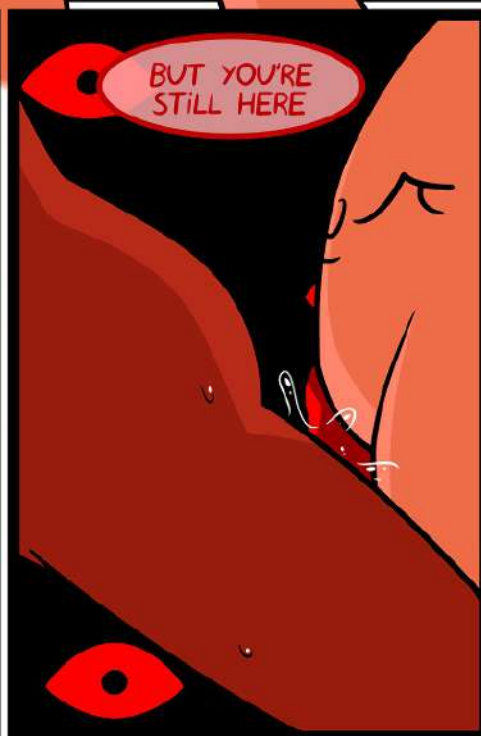
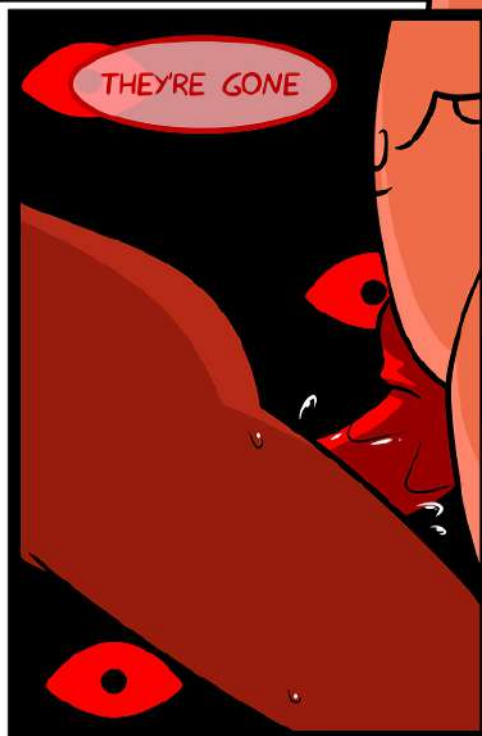


BOTH TURNED TO
SCRAPS BY MY HANDS
WHO NEVER RECEIVED
A SINGLE GIFT

AND ACHIEVED
EVERYTHING THROUGH
BARGAINS AND
FORCE...

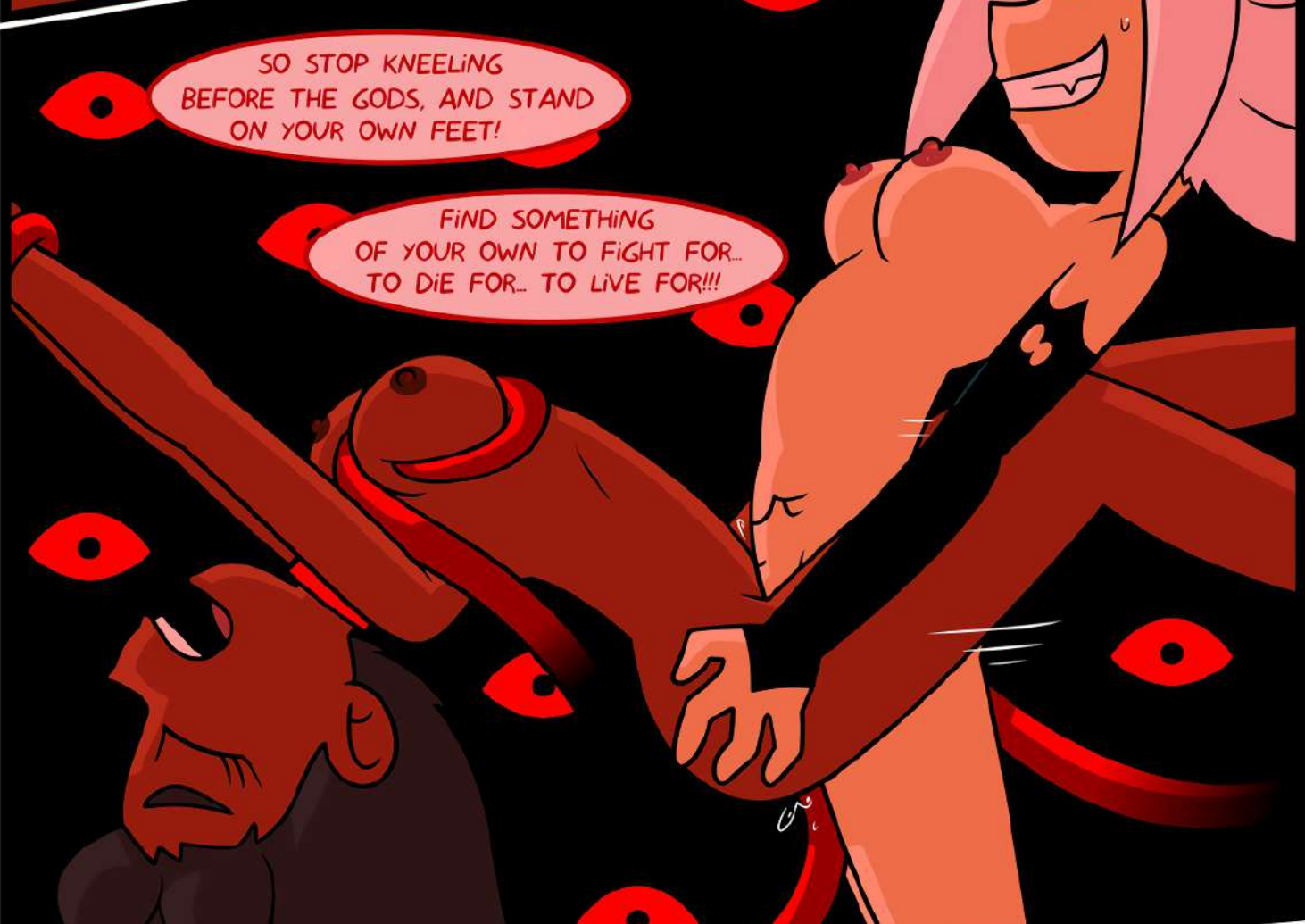






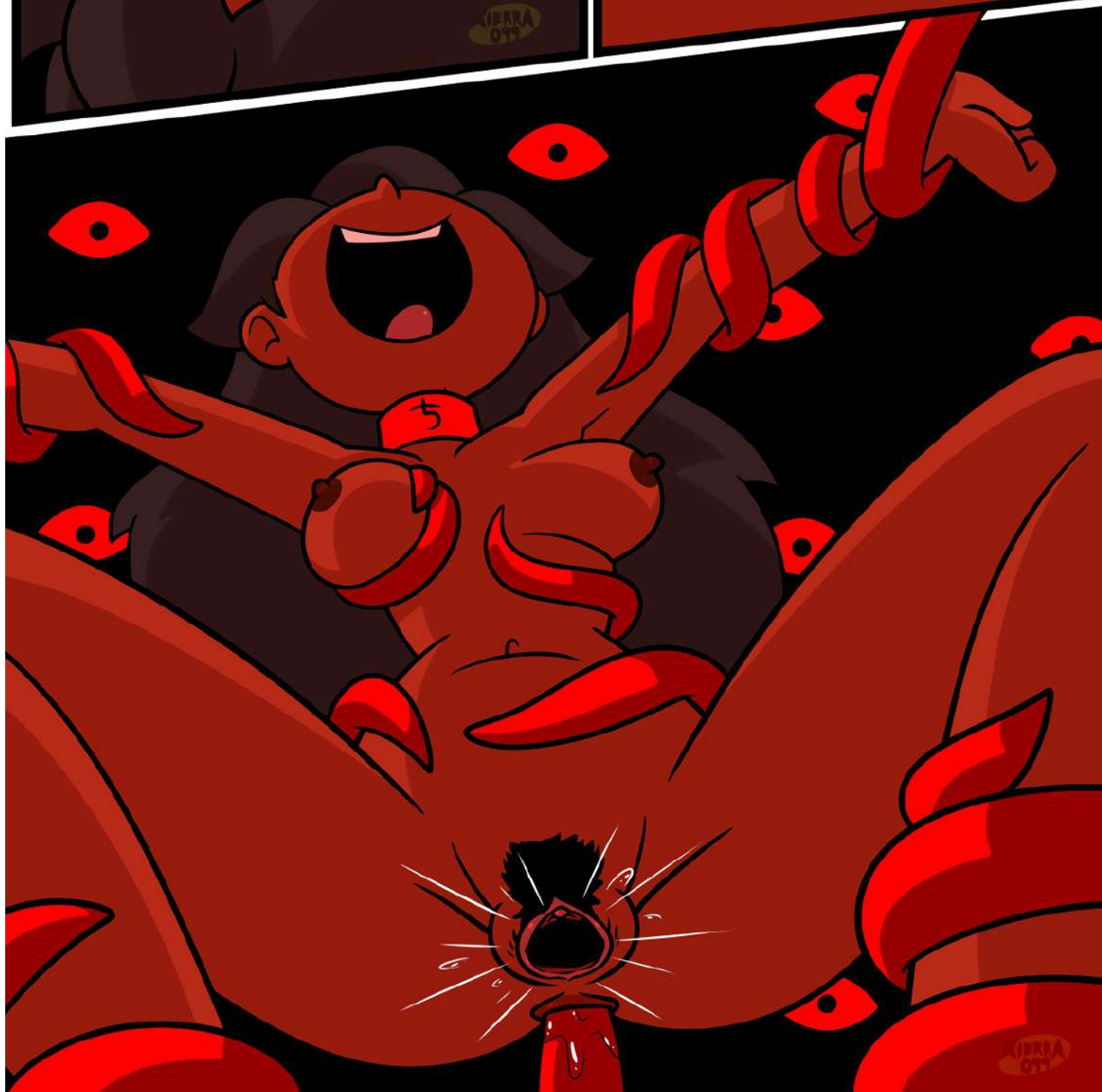


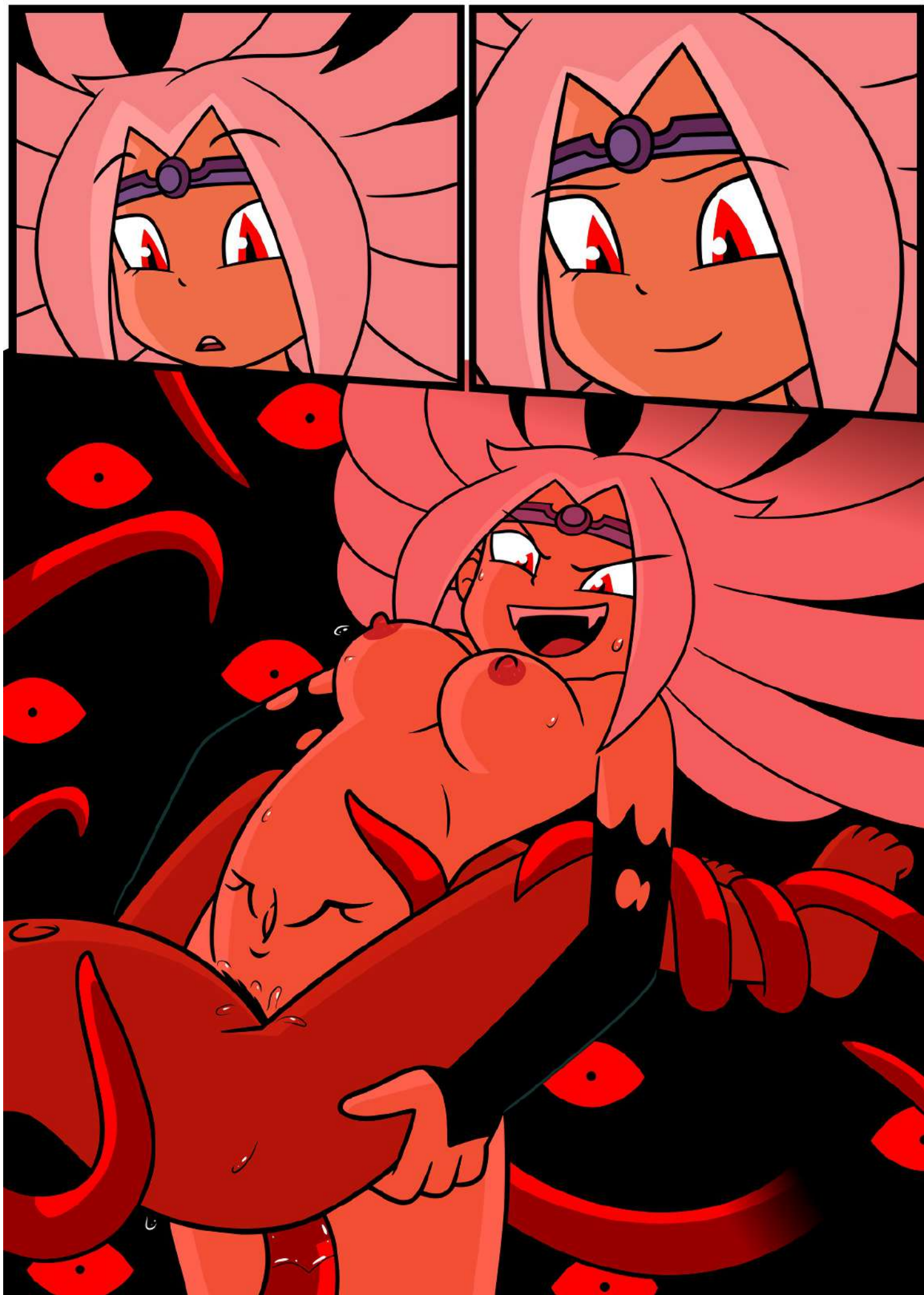
YOU'VE GOT THE
WILLPOWER TO SPIT ON
A DEMON'S OFFER



SO STOP KNEELING
BEFORE THE GODS, AND STAND
ON YOUR OWN FEET!

FIND SOMETHING
OF YOUR OWN TO FIGHT FOR...
TO DIE FOR... TO LIVE FOR!!!











✦ ✦ CURIOUS IS THE PATH ✦ ✦
THE FATES HAVE SET FOR US...





I'M AT A LOSS...

I'M NOT SURE
ABOUT WHAT I'M GOING TO
TELL YOU NOW...



CAN I TRUST...

THAT YOU WILL
TAKE IT SERIOUSLY...?

I--YEAH...
YEAH OF
COURSE!



I SHOULD BE
TRYING TO EITHER EVANGELIZE
OR DESTROY YOU

IN THE PRESENCE OF
DEMONIC ARTS SUCH AS YOURS,
THAT WOULD BE MY DUTY



YOU ROB SOULS
OF THEIR ETERNAL PEACE...
YOU DESECRATE BROKEN BODIES
THAT HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST...
ALL FOR YOUR OWN GAIN

SUCH MAGIC FOR SUCH
CAUSES ARE EVIL, THROUGH
AND THROUGH.

OF THAT I AM SURE



BUT...

I DO NOT WISH
TO HARM YOU...

AND I
DON'T WANT TO
CHANGE YOU!



IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY,
OPPORTUNITIES ARISE

I'VE COME TO
LIKE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE
MORE THAN I DESPISE
WHAT YOU DO...

BUT EVEN SO...
I CAN NO LONGER TRAVEL
WITH YOU BECAUSE I CAN NOT
TURN A BLIND EYE TO YOUR
DARK WAYS...



TO TEST YOUR
RESOLVE



...YOU KNOW,
THE DARK ARTS ARE ACTUALLY
FAR MORE VARIED THAN MOST
PEOPLE KNOW

I'M SURE I CAN
GET BY JUST AS WELL
WITH SOME OF THE LESS...
SOUL ENSLAVING
ASPECTS

YOUR BELIEFS

